

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-41 (Canceled)

42. (New) A heat transfer cover film comprising
a substrate film,
a silicone-modified transparent resin layer releasably
provided thereon, and
a release layer comprising a water-soluble polymer
interleaved between the substrate film and the transparent
resin layer.

43. (New) A heat transfer process, comprising the steps
of:

overlaying (a) a dye layer of a heat transfer sheet
including a substrate film having said dye layer thereon over
(b) a dye-receiving layer of a heat transfer image-receiving
sheet including a substrate film having said dye-receiving
layer thereon in opposite relation;

applying heat to the back side of the heat transfer
sheet to make an image; and

laminating by heat transfer a transparent protective
layer on the surface of said image, said transparent

protective layer comprising a substrate film and a silicone-modified transparent resin layer releasably provided thereon,

said dye layer containing a releasant, while said dye-receiving layer being releasant free or containing a releasant in such amount as to offer no impediment to the lamination of the transparent protective layer.

44. (New) A process for making cards, comprising:

forming a gray scale image and a non-gray scale image on the surface of a card substrate made of a vinyl chloride resin using a heat transfer sheet comprising a substrate sheet provided on the same surface with a first heat transfer layer comprising a thermally migratable dye and an untransferable binder and a second heat transfer layer comprising a dyed or pigmented, heat-meltable binder, the substrate sheet comprising a polyester film and at least the surface having the heat transfer layers being made easily bondable, and

laminating by heat transfer a transparent protective layer on the surface of the card, said transparent protective layer comprising a substrate film and a silicone-modified transparent layer releasably provided thereon.